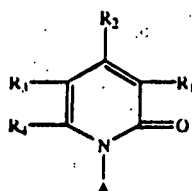
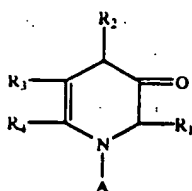


1. (twice amended) A method of treating benign or malignant [tumors, including] lymphoma[s], leukemia[s], and/or leiomyoma[s] tumors in a laboratory animal or a human, comprising: [admistering] administering to said laboratory animal or said human an effective dose of a composition including one or more pharmaceutical substances selected from the group consisting of N-substituted 2-(1H) pyridones, N-substituted 3-(1H) pyridones, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein said 2-(1H) pyridones have the following general structural formula



where: R1 is selected from the group consisting of (1) an alkyl group, with R3 hydrogen, and (2) hydrogen, with R3 consisting of an alkyl group; A is an aryl group; and R2 and R4 are hydrogen; and wherein said 3-(1H) pyridones have the following general structural formula



where: R2 is selected from the group consisting of (1) an alkyl group, with R3 hydrogen, and (2) hydrogen, with R3 consisting of an alkyl group; A is an aryl group; and R1 and R4 are hydrogen.

3. (amended) A method, as defined in Claim 1, wherein: said composition is administered orally or parenterally to [a] said human at a rate of from about 20 to about 60 mg/kg of body weight per day.

4. (twice amended) A method of treating benign or malignant [tumors, including] lymphoma[s], leukemia[s], and/or leiomyoma[s] tumors in a laboratory animal or a human, comprising: administering to said laboratory animal or said human an effective dose of a composition including one or more pharmaceutical substances selected from the group consisting of N-substituted 2-(1H) pyridones, N-substituted 3-(1H) pyridones, and pharmaceutically [acceptable] acceptable salts [thereof] thereof, said N-substituted 2-(1H) pyridones and said N-substituted 3-(1H) pyridones being selected from the group consisting of: 5-Methyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-p-tolyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(3'-trifluoromethylphenyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 1-(4'-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-naphthyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(1'-naphthyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 3-Methyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 6-Methyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 3,6-Dimethyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-thienyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 1-(2'-Furyl)-5-methyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(5'-quinolyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(4'-pyridyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(3'-pyridyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-pyridyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-quinolyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(4'-quinolyl)-2-(1H)

pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-thiazolyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 1-(2'-Imidazolyl)-5-methyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Ethyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 3-Ethyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 1-Phenyl-2-(1H) pyridone, 1-(4'-Nitrophenyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-3-phenyl-1-(2'-thienyl)-2-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-phenyl-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-p-tolyl-3-(1H) pyridone, 1-(4'-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-naphthyl)-3-(1H) pyridone, 4-Methyl-1-phenyl-3-(1H) pyridone, 6-Methyl-1-phenyl-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-thienyl)-3-(1H) pyridone, 1-(2'-Furyl)-5-methyl-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(5'-quinolyl)-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(3'-pyridyl)-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-pyridyl)-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Methyl-1-(2'-quinolyl)-3-(1H) pyridone, 5-Ethyl-1-phenyl-3-(1H) pyridone, and 1-Phenyl-3-(1H) pyridone.